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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 2 and 3 and AMEND claim 1 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing apparatus,
comprising:
 ~~at least one~~ image recording means for recording a video input;
 randomly accessible data storage means for storing the images recorded in said image
recording means;
 image synthesizing means for synthesizing in one screen a plurality of images read out from
said data storage means, wherein the plurality of said images recorded at different time points
comprises a plurality of image contents recorded at different time points or a plurality of images
in a given said image content recorded at different time points; and
 information processing means for controlling said data storage means and said image
synthesizing means; ~~wherein said information processing means controls said data storage means
and said image synthesizing means~~ in such a manner that a plurality of images recorded in said
image recording means at different time points are read from said data storage means and
synthesized and displayed in a single screen by said image synthesizing means; and
 user interface means, interposed between said information processing means and a user,
for performing special reproduction functions, including at least a selected one of rapid feed and
pause, on the image contents selected arbitrarily by the user through the user interface means.
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4. (ORIGINAL) A video recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising user interface means interposed between said information processing means and the user, wherein a plurality of the image contents stored in said data storage means are converted into a data base capable of being searched and sorted, and at least one of the image contents included in a group of image contents searched for and sorted from said data base and reproduced and synthesized at the same time is displayed in a single screen in accordance with the information input from said user interface means.

5. (ORIGINAL) A video recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising user interface means interposed between said information processing means and the user, wherein the image contents selected through said user interface means are changed to other image contents and the resulting image contents are displayed in a single screen by being synthesized with the image contents under generation.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising sound select means and user interface means interposed between said information processing means and the user, wherein said sound select means outputs only the sound, corresponding to the image contents reproduced in the reproduction display area selected by said user interface means.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing method, comprising the steps of:
recording an image by at least one image recording means;
storing the image recorded by said image recording means in randomly accessible data storage means; and
reading a plurality of images recorded at different time points from said data storage means, and synthesizing and displaying said images in a single screen.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing method according to claim 7, wherein a plurality of said images, recorded at different time points, are comprise a plurality of image contents recorded at different time points or a plurality of images, recorded at different time points in a given said one-image content, recorded at different time points.

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9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing method according to claim 7, further comprising performing wherein the special reproducing functions, including at least one of rapid feed and pause, are performed on the image contents selected arbitrarily by a user through user interface means.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing method according to claim 7, further comprising converting wherein a plurality of the image contents, stored in said data storage means, are converted into a data base capable of being searched and sorted, at least one of the image contents, included in a group of image contents searched for and sorted from said data base and reproduced and synthesized at the same time, is displayed in a single screen in accordance with the information input from said user interface means.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing method according to claim 7, wherein the image contents selected ~~through~~ by said user interface means are changed to other, resulting image contents and the resulting image contents are synthesized with the image contents under generation and displayed in a single screen.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A video recording and reproducing method according to claim 7, wherein only the sound, corresponding to the image contents reproduced in the a reproduction display area selected by said user, ~~interface means~~ is output.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium for storing a program readable by an information processing unit, wherein said program comprises the steps of:
recording an image by at least one image recording means;
storing the image recorded by said image recording means in randomly accessible data storage means; and
reading a plurality of images, recorded at different time points, from said data storage means;
and
synthesizing and displaying said images in a single screen.

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14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium according to claim 13, wherein a plurality of said images recorded at different time points ~~are comprises~~ a plurality of image contents recorded at different time points or a plurality of images, recorded at different time points, ~~in of~~ a given ~~one said~~ image content.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium according to claim 13, wherein ~~the the program further comprises:~~
reproducing special reproducing functions, including at least one of rapid feed and pause, is ~~performed on the image contents selected arbitrarily by a user interface means.~~

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium according to claim 13, wherein a plurality of the image contents stored in said data storage means are converted into a data base capable of being searched and sorted, and at least one of the image contents, included in a group of image contents searched for and sorted from said data base and reproduced and synthesized at the same time, is displayed in a single screen in accordance with ~~the information input from by said user interface means.~~

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium according to claim 13, wherein the image contents, selected ~~through by said user, interface means~~ are changed to other image contents and the resulting image contents are synthesized with the generating image contents and displayed in a single screen.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium according to claim 13, wherein only ~~the sound,~~ corresponding to the image contents reproduced in ~~the a~~ reproduction display area selected by said user, ~~interface means~~ is output.